

# Villa Charities Foundation Board of Directors

As of January 25, 2023

## CHAIR

### Nick Torchetti

Nick Torchetti has been involved with Villa Charities since 1978 when he was a member of the Columbus Centre Youth Advisory Board. Nick has since served as Chair of the Board of affiliated Villa Charities organizations Casa Abruzzo Benevolent Corporation, Columbus Centre of Toronto and Villa Charities Inc. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Villa Charities Foundation.

Over the last twenty five years, Nick has also served in a volunteer capacity with numerous other community and health care organizations, including serving as Chair of the Board of The Kensington Health Centre (formerly The Doctors Hospital) and founding Chair of the Board of The Kensington Eye Institute.

Nick currently also serves as Director, Treasurer and Chair, North America Region, of Interlaw Ltd., an international network of independent law firms and as a Director of Geox Canada Inc., a shoe and clothing retailer.

Since graduating from law school in 1983, Nick has spent his entire career practicing law with the Toronto firm of Aird & Berlis LLP, where he has previously served on its Executive Committee and where he is currently a senior partner in the Corporate and Commercial practice and leads the Private Business Services Group. Nick's work consists of providing strategic advice to privately owned businesses, including in respect of acquisitions, dispositions and reorganizations related to succession and exit planning matters.

Nick has been married to Josephine for more than thirty five years and they are the proud parents of David, Jesse and Lea.

## VICE-CHAIR

### Sam Ciccolini

Sam Ciccolini was 12 years old in 1956 when he, his mother and two brothers landed at New York's Ellis Island before traveling to Toronto to join his father and two older brothers who had come to Canada six years earlier.

Mr. Ciccolini and his younger brother Max soon found work delivering newspapers in the early morning before heading off to school. At night, the brothers worked at a pharmacy

In 1968, Mr. Ciccolini and his older brother Frank started what is today Masters Insurance Limited. After serving as a Senior Partner of Masters Insurance with offices in Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Windsor, New York and Florida, Mr. Ciccolini has turned over the day to day operation of the business to the next generation of the Ciccolini and Corby family.

Mr. Ciccolini serves on boards and committees representing Financial Institutions, Hospitals, Disaster Relief Efforts, Churches, Municipal Initiatives, Sports Groups and Social Agencies. In recognition of his service to the community, Mr. Ciccolini was awarded with The Order of Ontario in 1999, with The Order of Canada in 2005 in a ceremony on Parliament Hill Rideau Hall, awarded the Order of Vaughan in 2016, The Commander of the Order of the Star of Solidarity Medal from the Republic of Italy in 2008 and vested with the Honourary Doctorate of Law Degree Honouris Causa from Assumption University of Windsor in 2008.

On most weekends, Mr. Ciccolini can be found at dozens of activities and events across the GTA and York Region, always with a kind word of encouragement.

Mr. Ciccolini currently serves as Vice Chair, Villa Charities Foundation and a Member of Hockey in Canada Hall of Fame Board Selection Committee.

## TREASURER

### Edward Sorbara - Lifetime Member

Edward K. Sorbara was born in Toronto in 1943 and attended De La Salle High School before studying at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. Armed with a Bachelor of Commerce, Mr. Sorbara attended the University of Chicago where he graduated in 1967 with a Masters of Business Administration.

Upon returning to Toronto, Mr. Sorbara joined the family business, now known as The Sorbara Group. The Sorbara Group's major activities include property investments (an industrial and apartment rental portfolio), land development and related consulting, industrial construction, low rise and condominium housing.

Mr. Sorbara currently serves as Treasurer of the Villa Charities Foundation - a branch of Villa Charities responsible for providing continued, reliable financial support for the affiliate organizations of Villa Charities which provide social assistance, cultural development and recreational programs to the general community.

In recognition of the family's dedication and financial support of Villa Charities, a wing at Villa Colombo Toronto was officially renamed The Sam and Grace Sorbara Wing in 2004.

Mr. Sorbara and his wife Marisa have four children and live in Toronto.

## SECRETARY

### Toni Varone - Lifetime Member

For over 30 years, Toni Varone has been part of the Villa Charities family. As former President of Columbus Centre and Villa Charities, Toni's foresight, leadership and philanthropic commitment has set a standard in volunteer work. He has been involved in virtually every phase of the development and operations of the Villa Charities family, including VITA Community Living Services.

More recently, Toni was involved with the Villa Colombo expansion and construction of the Orey V. Fidani Wing at Villa Colombo Services for Seniors and offered his expertise in the realization of the Villa Colombo Vaughan as a member of the Construction Committee.

His ongoing dedication continues to inspire. To acknowledge his valuable contribution, Villa Charities was pleased to name the foyer in Columbus Centre, "Piazza Toni Varone" in 2004. As well, Toni was a recipient of the prestigious Heart and Hand Award in 2007, Villa Charities' highest honour for its volunteers.

As owner of The Varone Group, Toni overlooks an array of Toronto businesses specializing in hospitality, home building and property ownership. Still, he has found time to play a critical role in Villa Charities for close to thirty years. Toni was recently named Commendatore of the Italian Republic.

## DIRECTOR

### Aldo Cundari

After completing his studies at L'Istituto Europeo di Disegno in Rome, Italy, Aldo Cundari quickly established himself in the marketing field in Canada. By 1980, he had created the foundation for what would become Cundari Group Ltd. Today, Cundari is Canada's most globally awarded independent agency. Their work has been recognized around the world at Cannes, the Cassies, One Show, by the UK's Directory Ranking and is the only Canadian agency to have two campaigns on WARC's 100 smartest marketing campaigns in the world.

Aldo is the author of the book *Customer-Centric Marketing: Build Relationships, Create Advocates, and Influence Your Customers*. Published by Wiley in 2015, the book provides a comprehensive game plan on succeeding in today's new marketing landscape by focusing on the customer.

Still very much in touch with the fine art community, in 2013 Aldo, along with another business partner, revitalized and reopened the Toronto School of Art after its doors closed in 2012. The alternative, not-for-profit arts school established itself as one of the most distinguished alternative art schools in the city and now continues to be a landmark in the arts community as one of the largest independent Art Schools in Canada.

Aldo is a CMA Chartered Marketer (CM). Aldo has served as chief judge of the World Globe Awards from 2000-2008 and in 1998, was included in Marketing Magazine's "Power List: The 100 Most Influential People in Canadian Communications." In 2006, he became a Fellow of the QuantumShift program at the Ivey Institute for Entrepreneurs. In 2008 and 2009, Aldo was selected as one of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneurs of the Year. In 2010 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Marketing Association (CMA) and was also awarded CIBPA Professional Excellence Awards. In 2013, he has served as Judging Chair of the CMA Awards, and co-chair of the CMA 2012 and 2013 Summit. In 2013 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Communication Agencies (ICA) and served until 2016. In 2016 Aldo was appointed as Chair of the Ryerson Marketing Advisory Council, and 2018, Aldo was appointed as the CMA's Board of Directors Chair.

Aldo has been associated as a volunteer of Villa Charities for over 26 years. He served on the Villa Colombo Board of Governors from January 1996 - December 2007. From 2015 to 2019 Aldo served as the Chairman of Villa Charities Board of Governors, and currently sits on the Villa Charities Foundation Board.

## DIRECTOR

### Nina Perfetto

Nina is a Partner with Fogler Rubinoff LLP where she practices corporate commercial litigation. Her practice is concentrated on complex litigation matters and contract disputes for large corporate clients. In addition to proceedings in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal, Nina maintains a significant arbitration practice which includes many shareholder and partner disputes in closely held corporations, partnerships and joint ventures.

She has appeared before all levels of Court in Ontario and has acted as counsel in matters involving shareholders' rights and remedies including authoring the paper "Using the Oppression Remedy to Resolve Family Business Disputes" published in the *Annual Review of Civil Litigation*, and has worked extensively on litigation matters involving issues related to the Ontario Business Corporations Act and the Canada Business Corporations Act. Nina has also acted as counsel in, real estate litigation, and accountants' negligence claims.

In addition to acting for her clients on litigation matters, Nina is also a close and trusted advisor to her clients and is often called upon to assist and advise in connection with her clients' businesses, operations and strategic planning. In many cases, she has become a vital and instrumental resource to her clients, a stabilizing force during challenging periods, and reliable source for connecting her clients with industry players to create synergies.

Nina is an active volunteer in her community and is the past Chair of Villa Charities, a not-for-profit organization which she has been involved with since 1989, and sits on their Foundation Board. She is also the Vice-Chair of the St. Michael's College School Board of Directors. In addition to her volunteer work, Nina is also involved in a variety of pro bono legal work, including acting as a supervisor of the University of Toronto Moots. Nina is actively involved in the firm's mentoring program, a past member of Fogler Rubinoff's Executive Committee and is a mother of two boys.

## DIRECTOR

### Laura Salvatori

Laura Salvatori is currently General Counsel at Anson Funds, a hedge fund with offices in Toronto and Dallas. In this role, Laura advises on all legal aspects of the funds' operations, regulatory and structuring matters in both Canada and the United States. Prior to joining Anson, Laura held the role of General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Human Resources of Match Marketing Group, a leading North American, private-equity owned marketing agency. Prior to Match, Laura was Vice President, Assistant General Counsel at Goldman Sachs in New York City, where she advised on corporate governance matters and prior to that, was on the Investment Banking Legal team. Laura also worked as a securities law attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP's New York City office, and articulated in Ontario at Stikeman Elliott LLP in Toronto. She is admitted to practice in both New York State and Ontario.

Laura holds a Juris Doctor from Osgoode Hall Law School and a Bachelor of Commerce Administration from the Schulich School of Business. She is a member of the New York State Bar's Securities Regulation Committee, Women General Counsel of Canada and a board member of the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association.

## EX-OFFICIO

### Joseph Arcuri (Villa Charities Inc. / Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery Chair)

Joseph Arcuri, CPA, CA, is the Chief Financial Officer of NRStor. He has been a Director of BioSynt Inc. since 2018 and is currently Chair of the Audit Committee and Disclosure Policy Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Arcuri started his professional career with PriceWaterhouseCoopers within its assurance group and later was president of AOL Canada. Joseph is a passionate Senior Executive with 29 years of experience working collaboratively with seniors, employees, members, partners, government and other vested stakeholders.